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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A beverage container comprising:
a base defining a beverage-containing reservoir, and
a cover assembly removably mountable on the base for closing the reservoir,
the cover assembly including a cap defining a recess open to ambient, the cap having an aperture therethrough spaced from the recess,
the cover assembly defining a drain/drink passage communicating with the recess,
the cover assembly including a valve assembly movable between an open condition providing communication between the reservoir and the passage and a closed condition sealing the passage from the reservoir,
the valve assembly including a manually operated actuator mechanism accessible through the aperture.
2. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the base includes inner and outer walls cooperating to define a vacuum insulation space therebetween.
3. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the actuator mechanism includes a push button.
4. (Original) The container of claim 3, wherein the push button is disposed centrally of the cap.
5. (Original) The container of claim 4, wherein the passage communicates with the recess at a location spaced radially outwardly from the push button.

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6. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 1, wherein the valve assembly is disposed centrally of the cover assembly.

7. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the actuator mechanism includes a toggle mechanism so that alternate actuations of the actuator mechanism respectively latch the valve assembly in its open and closed conditions.

8. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the cover assembly includes a vent opening providing communication between the passage and ambient, the vent opening having an exit end exiting the cover at a location spaced from the aperture and from the recess.

9. (Original) The container of claim 8, wherein the cap has a vent channel communicating with the exit end of the vent opening and configured to channel liquid exiting the vent opening away from the recess and the aperture.

10. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the cap includes a raised lip extending from the recess to facilitate directing of beverage from the recess to a user's mouth.

11-22. Cancelled.